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FROM AMBASSADOR FOR NEA/IRN NAAS

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SUBJ: BELL HELICOPTER CO-PRODUCTION

1. EVENING OF DECEMBER 13 RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR. ROBERT CHARLES IN WASHINGTON ASKING CERTAIN QUESTIONS ABOUT BELL HELICOPTER CO-PRODUCTION PROPOSAL. MR. CHARLES REPRESENTS TEXTRON WHICH OWNS BELL HELICOPTER. WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL HIM AT 296-8886 IN WASHINGTON AND GIVE HIM FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME: BEGIN TEXT HAVE MADE INQUIRIES INTO QUESTIONS YOU PUT TO ME. DO NOT BELIEVE THERE IS ANY RPT ANY POINT IN YOUR COMING TO TEHRAN AT THIS JUNCTURE. THE PROBLEM IS ENTIRELY IN WASHINGTON AND WOULD SEEM TO BE SHARED BY BELL HELICOPTER AND THE US ARMY. THE CURRENT BELL CO-PRODUCTION PROPOSAL IS OVER-PRICED, OVER-RESTRICTIVE, AND DOES NOT CONTAIN SUFFICIENT COMMITMENT TO TRUE IN-COUNTRY PRODUCTION. AS NEARLY AS I CAN OBSERVE, BELL HAS HAD MORE THAN ITS SHARE OF SUPPORT HERE. THE CO-PRODUCTION PROPOSAL HAS NOT ONLY COOLED OFF BUT IS LIKELY TO GO DOWN THE DRAIN UNLESS THE FACTORS NOTED ABOVE ARE CORRECTED. THIS IS MY FRANK APPRAISAL, AND I ASSUME YOU WILL GUARD MY CONFIDENCE. I DO NOT WANT TO BE QUOTED AND I DO NOT WANT TO GET INTO THE MIDDLE OF THIS CONTROVERSY. SEASON'S GREETINGS AND WARMEST REGARDS. END TEXT.

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